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Appendix III.

[Vide item II Communications to the Council at page 180 supra.]

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Proceedings of the sixteenth meeting of the Finance Committee for 1925-26 held on Friday, the 12th February 1926 at 2 p.m. at the Cabinet Chamber, Fort St. George.

PRESENT:

The hon. Mr. T. E. Moir, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S. (*Chairman*).

M.R.Ry. C. Ramalinga Reddi Garu, M.L.C.

,, P. N. Marthandam Pillai Avargal, M.L.C.

,, K. Prabhakaran Tampan Avargal, M.L.C.

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SCHEMES FOR INTRODUCTON IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

TO BE MET BY SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND

(1) Appropriation on account of State prisoners dealt with under the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Act, 1839, and the Mappilla Outrages Act, 1859.

Abstract of the proposal.—In accordance with the entry in item 39 in Part II of Schedule I of the Devolution Rules which excluded "State Prisoners" from the list of Provincial subjects all charges on account of persons detained as State Prisoners in the Madras Presidency had up to the 8th July 1925 been debited to Central Revenues. But with the sanction of the Secretary of State, the Government of India have with effect from the above date made a distinction between persons dealt with under the Madras State Prisoners Regulation, 1819 and those dealt with under the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Act, 1839 and the Mappilla Outrages Act, 1859, and have amended the entry in item 39 of the Devolution Rules referred to above, so as to exclude only persons detained under the Madras State Prisoners Regulation, 1819 (and the corresponding regulations of Bombay and Bengal) from the list of Provincial subjects. In consequence of this decision, it has become necessary to make a provision of Rs. 2,100 for meeting the charges incurred from 8th July 1925 on account of persons dealt with under the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Act, 1839 and the Mappilla Outrages Act, 1859. The charges will be exhibited in the accounts under a new minor head "Charges on account of Mappilla and other State prisoners" under the head "25. Jails and Convict Settlements" and treated as voted. Savings are available to meet the expenditure within the grant itself, but as it is a new service a supplementary demand for Rs. 2,100 will be moved in the Legislative Council under Grant XIII.—Jails.

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee adjourned the consideration of this item to the 13th February.

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(2) Appropriation on account of the grant of allowances to convicts released on condition of not returning to their native districts.

Abstract of the proposal.—The Government consider that a convict prematurely released from imprisonment on condition that he shall not return to his native district till the expiry of his sentence should ordinarily be granted a maintenance allowance until he is permitted to return to his native district. In pursuance of this policy it is proposed to release two Mappilla prisoners from jail who have still to serve 3 and 17 years respectively and to grant them allowances at Rs. 15 and Rs. 8 per mensem respectively. The expenditure involved on account of this proposal in the current year is Rs. 50. But, as the service is new, it is proposed to move the Legislative Council to sanction a supplementary grant for this amount under Grant XIII.—Jails.

Recommendation of the Committee.—The proposal to move a supplementary demand for Rs. 50 in the current year was recommended by the Committee.

TO BE MET BY RE-APPROPRIATION.

Purchase of Bethesda Mission Hospital buildings, Narasapur, for use as an Excise Circle Office and quarters for the Inspector and staff.

Abstract of the proposal.—For want of other suitable accommodation, the office of the Excise Inspector, Narasapur, is now located in a portion of the Bethesda Mission Hospital buildings on a rent of Rs 35 per mensem. As the Mission authorities are leaving India shortly, they have offered the hospital buildings for sale. It is reported that the buildings may be purchased and portions of it utilized as a Circle office, inspection bungalow, Inspector's quarters and quarters for the three clerks of the Circle office. The buildings were constructed three years ago and require only a few items of repair. The present value of the buildings together with the site is estimated at Rs. 20,000 and allowing for a total depreciation of 10 per cent for the three years, the purchase of the buildings at a cost of Rs. 18,000 is recommended. After purchase, it will be necessary to incur an expenditure of about Rs. 2,145 on the construction of a new kitchen and a stable for the Inspector. Some small repairs will be necessary but the cost is not likely to be much. There is, besides, an offer for the building from a private party and if the purchase is not made by Government, the Excise staff will have to be turned out probably at once. The cost (Rs. 18,000) can be met by reappropriation from the existing grant under "6. Excise."

Extra cost.

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Non-recurring	18,000

Recommendation of the Committee.—The proposal was recommended for acceptance by the Committee, the extra cost in the current year being met by reappropriation.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th February 1926.

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Proceedings of the seventeenth meeting of the Finance Committee for 1925-26 held on Saturday the 13th February 1926 at 1-30 p.m. at the Cabinet Chamber, Fort St. George.

PRESENT:

The hon. Mr. T E. MOIR, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S. (*Chairman*).
M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur K. SURYANARAYANAMURTI NAYUDU Garu, M.L.C.
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MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB Bahadur, M.L.C.
Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur, M.L.C
G. T. BOAG, Esq., I.C.S., M.L.C.

SCHEME FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

TO BE MET BY A SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND.

Appropriation to meet the expenditure on account of State prisoners dealt with under Ganjam and Vizagapatam Act, 1839, and Mappilla Outrages Act, 1859.

Abstract of the proposal.—This item was brought forward at the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 12th February 1926, and adjourned as the Committee desired to have further information with regard to the allowances paid to State prisoners and the rules governing their treatment. A further note furnishing information on these points was placed before the Committee at this meeting.

Recommendation of the Committee.—The Committee recommended the moving of a supplementary demand for Rs. 2,100 *in the current year under Grant XIII—Jails—Reserved.*

SCHEME FOR INTRODUCTION IN 1926-27.

Employment of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the Tuberculosis Hospital, Royapetta.

Abstract of the proposal.—Owing to the large increase in the in-patient accommodation in the Tuberculosis Hospital at Royapetta, the Government have already sanctioned the employment of the necessary additional non-medical staff. No addition has, however, been made to the medical staff which at present consists of a Superintendent, who is also the Director of the Tuberculosis Institute, and a Civil Assistant Surgeon. The number of beds has increased from 47 to 70 and the number of persons seeking accommodation has been so great that it has been occasionally found necessary to put up extra beds. The existing staff is unable to cope with the increase in work and the employment of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon is necessary. The extra cost on account of the proposal works out to Rs. 1,995. The cost in 1926-27, if the officer is appointed from the 1st April 1926, will be Rs. 1,375. It is proposed to meet the cost from the allotment already made in the budget estimates for 1926-27 under "32. b. Medical—Hospitals and Dispensaries—Presidency Hospitals—Pay of Establishments."

Recommendation of the Committee.—The proposal was recommended for acceptance.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16*th February* 1926.

T. E. MOIR.